

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 17, 2008 was reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office were considered.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of Claims 1 – 4 and 8 – 14. Further, Claims 5 – 7, 16 – 23 and 26 were objected to by the Examiner, and have been amended. Support for the amended claims may be found in the previously presented claims. Claim 15 has been cancelled. As such, Claims 1 – 14, 16 – 24 and 26 are pending in the application.

This amendment changes or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, are presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Examiner has objected to Claims 5 – 7, 16 – 23 and 26 either because of their dependence on rejected claims or because of reasons stated below.

Examiner objected to Claim 5 stating the phrase “L-glutamic homopolymer,” specifically “L-glutamic” is not complete and the better phrase would be “glutamic acid.” Examiner states this issue also applies to Claim 6 – 7. As such, Applicant has amended Claims 5 – 7 as per the Examiner’s suggestion to add the word “acid.” Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw his objection.

Examiner has objected to claim 26 on grammatical grounds, suggesting replacing “the $n+m$ ” with “the value of $n+m$ ” or “the sum of $n+m$.” Applicant has amended Claim 26 to add the words “sum of” and therefore requests the Examiner withdraw his objection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Examiner has rejected Claim 15 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Applicant thanks the Examiner for suggesting alternative language for the claim, and as such has amended Claim 15. Applicant further cancelled Claim 16, as the limitations of Claim 16 are now contained within Claim 15. Claims 17 – 23 have been amended to depend upon Claim 15. Applicant therefore requests the Examiner withdraw his rejection.

Examiner has rejected Claim 24 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Applicant amended this claim to better conform with the recommendations of the Examiner and requests the Examiner withdraw his rejection.

CONCLUSION


For the reasons set forth above, Applicant believes this Application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant submits concurrently herewith a request for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and the accompanying fee. Applicants also submit concurrently a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and the accompanying fee. Please charge our Credit Card in the amount of \$1,920.00 covering the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and 1.17(a)(3). A Credit Card Payment Form SB-2038 is enclosed from an authorized cardholder. In the event that any additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent the abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any

additional fees that may be required in conjunction with this submission to Deposit Account Number 50-2228, referencing matter number 022290.0122PTUS from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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